

# Proclamation

The American people have a strong tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism. Helping others in need is an investment in the future we all should share.

Millions of volunteers throughout our country enhance the lives of fellow Americans by rebuilding what had been torn down, teaching where there is a desire to learn and inspiring those who have lost hope.

USA WEEKEND Magazine and its affiliate newspapers have joined with the *Points of Light Foundation* and its affiliate volunteer centers to promote an annual national day of community participation that celebrates and strengthens the spirit of volunteer service.

This year in Hawai`i, three organizations are being honored for their contributions and efforts to make a difference in our island state.

- **Zonta Club of Hilo:** 39 Zonta Club members and friends spruced up apartment units at the East Hawaii Coalition for the Homeless. They replaced stapled fabric with permanent curtains for all windows. They weeded the playground, replaced gravel with safety bark chips and donated 167 hygiene kits.
- **Girls Court, Family Court of the First Circuit, Honolulu:** 13 volunteers from Girls Court, including the judge and 4 teen offenders, provided 18 women at a residential local drug rehab facility with craft activities and snacks.
- **Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, Kamuela:** Buddhists from the Kamuela Hongwanji Mission planted 200 native Hawaiian tree seedlings at Pu`u Wa`awa`a in a reforestation effort to convert an area of former ranchland into a state park. This project helped to protect native Hawaiian plants and gave the community an opportunity to enjoy the natural setting.

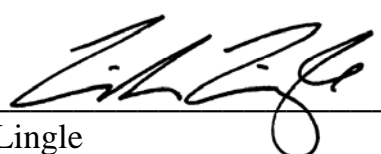
These organizations, made up of concerned citizens, represent the many people throughout our state who make a positive impact on our island community each and every day.

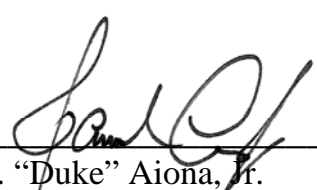
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **October 28, 2006** as

## NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

in Hawai`i, and urge everyone in our Aloha State to observe this day by encouraging friends, fellow employees and relatives to connect with religious, school, civic and charitable groups in order to become involved with projects that will benefit our community.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this twenty-fifth day of October 2006.

  
Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai`i

  
James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i